

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 8-10 and 22-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cassagnol et al. U.S. Pub. No. 20020129245 (hereinafter Cassagnol) in view of Audebert et al. U.S. Pub. No. 20030108204 (hereinafter Audebert)

4. As per claim 1, Cassagnol discloses a method comprising:
receiving, in a secure environment in a terminal, first key for decrypting said encrypted application (Cassagnol: [0012]: use first key to decrypt encrypted data);
decrypting, in the secure environment, said encrypted application (204) by means of said first key (Cassagnol: [0025]: decrypt with first whitening key);
re-encrypting, in said secure environment, the application by means of a second key (Cassagnol: [0025]: re-encrypt data with second whitening key); and
storing, outside said secure environment, the re-encrypted application (Cassagnol: [0043]: the re-encrypted information is stored externally).

Cassagnol does not clearly disclose the first key is received via a secure channel from server outside said terminal. However, Audebert discloses an access server that initially generate a master key and load the key into a personal security device over a secure channel (Audebert: figure 5 and [0041]-[0043]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to securely load communication key into a secure environment by a cryptographic system provider because both prior art disclose method of protecting communication data in a distributed network. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Audebert within the system of Cassagnol because it allows keys to be updated by cryptographic providers.

5. As per claim 2, Cassagnol as modified discloses a method comprising:
 - receiving an encrypted application in a terminal (Cassagnol: [0011]: receive encrypted information);
 - receiving, in a secure environment in said terminal, via a secure channel, from a server outside said terminal, a first key for decrypting said encrypted application (Cassagnol: [0111]-[0112]: receiving key from key server through secure channel);
 - encrypting, in said secure environment, said first key by means of a second key (Cassagnol: [0058] and [0061]-[0062]: the encrypted master key/encrypted first key can be decrypted using device key/second key); and
 - storing, outside said secure environment, the encrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0058]: the whitening keys are stored outside of the secure environment).

6. As per claim 3, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 1.

Cassagnol further discloses encrypting, in said secure environment (205), said first key by means of the second key; and storing, outside said secure environment (205), the encrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0058]: keys are encrypted and stored externally).

7. As per claim 8, Cassagnol discloses an apparatus comprising:

an application including an installation part for receiving, a first key for decrypting said encrypted application (Cassagnol: [0111]-[0112]: receiving key from key server through secure channel);

a processor for decrypting, in the secure environment, said encrypted application (204) by means of said first key (Cassagnol: [0025]: decrypt with first whitening key);

said processor for re-encrypting, in said secure environment, the application by means of a second key (Cassagnol: [0025]: re-encrypt data with second whitening key); and

memory for storing, outside said secure environment, the re-encrypted application (Cassagnol: [0043]: the re-encrypted information is stored externally).

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of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Audebert within the system of Cassagnol because it allows keys to be updated by cryptographic providers.

8. As per claim 9, Cassagnol as modified discloses an apparatus comprising:

an application including an installation part for receiving, in a secure environment in said terminal, via a secure channel, from a server outside said terminal, a first key for decrypting said encrypted application (Cassagnol: [0111]-[0112]: receiving key from key server through secure channel);

a processor for encrypting, in said secure environment, said first key by means of a second key (Cassagnol: [0058]: the encrypted key is stored externally); and

said processor for storing, outside said secure environment, the encrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0058]).

9. As per claim 10, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus of claim 8. Cassagnol further discloses wherein said processor is:

for encrypting, in said secure environment (205), said first key by means of the second key; and storing, outside said secure environment (205), the encrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0058]: keys are encrypted and stored externally).

10. As per claim 22, Cassagnol discloses a terminal device comprising:

an installation part of an application (Cassagnol: [0111]: receive the cryptographic key); and

a secure environment, responsive to said first key from said installation part of said application for decrypting an encrypted application in said terminal device using said first key received over said secure channel from said server external to said terminal device (Cassagnol: [0111]-[0112]: receiving key from key server thorough secure channel to decrypt data within secure environment).

Cassagnol does not clearly disclose the first key is received via a secure channel from a server outside said terminal. However, Audebert discloses an access server that initially generate a master key and load the key into a personal security device over a secure channel (Audebert: figure 5 and [0041]-[0043]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to securely load communication key into a secure environment by a cryptographic system provider because both prior art disclose method of protecting communication data in a distributed network. Therefore, it would have been obvious o one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Audebert within the system of Cassagnol because it allows keys to be updated by cryptographic providers.

11. As per claim 23, Cassagnol as modified discloses the terminal device of claim 22. Cassagnol further discloses wherein said first key is encrypted by said server using a second key belonging to said terminal device for providing said first key from said server to said terminal device (Cassagnol: [0110]-[0112]: data and key communication between the device and server are encrypted).

12. As per claim 24, Cassagnol discloses an integrated circuit for installation in a terminal comprising:

a signal processor and a secure environment, said secure environment responsive to a first key for decrypting an encrypted application within said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0111]-[0112]: receiving key from key server through secure channel), for executing said decrypted application within said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0025]: decrypt with first whitening key) and for encrypting said first key with a second key belonging to said terminal device for storage outside said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0111]: communication between device and key server is encrypted with session key/second key) so that said first key can be used again with said secure environment without need for receipt again of said first key from said server (Cassagnol: [0112]: the server sends key material to the device/first key).

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13. As per claim 25, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 2. Cassagnol further discloses receiving another encrypted application in the terminal (Cassagnol: [0043]: handling the encrypted software within the secure environment); loading the encrypted first key from outside said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0058]: the key is imported externally for decryption); decrypting the encrypted first key with the second key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the master key is decrypted using device key); and decrypting the other encrypted application with the decrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the software master key is used to decrypt the application).

14. As per claim 26, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 25. Cassagnol further discloses re-encrypting the first key by means of a second key (Cassagnol: [0062]: the EMK/first key is encrypted with device key/second key); and storing, outside said secure environment, the encrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0058]: the encrypted whitening key is typically stored outside the secure environment).

15. As per claim 27, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus of claim 9. Cassagnol further discloses wherein said installation part is for receiving another encrypted application in the terminal (Cassagnol: [0043]: handling the encrypted software within the secure environment); loading the encrypted first key from outside said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0058]: the key is imported externally for decryption); decrypting the encrypted first key with the second key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the master key is decrypted using device key); and decrypting

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the other encrypted application with the decrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the software master key is used to decrypt the application).

16. As per claim 28, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus of claim 27. Cassagnol further discloses wherein said processor is further configured to: re-encrypting the first key by means of a second key (Cassagnol: [0062]: the EMK/first key is encrypted with device key/second key); and storing, outside said secure environment, the encrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0058]: the encrypted whitening key is typically stored outside the secure environment).

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18. Claims 4-6, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cassagnol in view of Audebert and further in view of Matyas et al. U.S. Pat. No. 7051211 (hereinafter Matyas).

19. As per claim 4, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 1. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein said second key is symmetric and can be derived from the application (202). However, Matyas discloses generating a new key for re-encrypting

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protected software derived from the software (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46: new key is generated from S and K and S is provided along with application). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to generate a new key based on information provided in the application because the derived information can be used as a seed in generating new key. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Matyas within the system of Cassagnol because it prevents malicious from using the first key by generating a new key based on additional information.

20. As per claim 5, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 4. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is comprised in the application (202) itself (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46).

21. As per claim 6, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 4. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is generated in the secure environment (205) using an application seed (Cassagnol: [0025]: generating new key in the secure environment).

22. As per claim 11, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus according to claim 8. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein said second key is symmetric and can be derived from the application (202). However, Matyas discloses generating a new key for re-encrypting protected software derived from the software (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46: new key is

generated from S and K and S is provided along with application). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to generate a new key based on information provided in the application because the derived information can be used as a seed in generating new key. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Matyas within the system of Cassagnol because it prevents malicious from using the first key by generating a new key based on additional information.

23. As per claim 12, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus according to claim 11. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is comprised in the application (202) itself (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46).

24. As per claim 13, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus according to claim 11. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is generated in the secure environment (205) using an application seed (Cassagnol: [0025]: generating new key in the secure environment).

25. As per claim 15, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 2. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein said second key is symmetric and can be derived from the application (202). However, Matyas discloses generating a new key for re-encrypting protected software derived from the software (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46: new key is generated from S and K and S is provided along with application). It would have been obvious to

one having ordinary skill in the art to generate a new key based on information provided in the application because the derived information can be used as a seed in generating new key. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Matyas within the system of Cassagnol because it prevents malicious from using the first key by generating a new key based on additional information.

26. As per claim 16, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 15. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is comprised in the application (202) itself (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46).

27. As per claim 17, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 15. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is generated in the secure environment (205) using an application seed (Cassagnol: [0025]: generating new key in the secure environment).

28. As per claim 19, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 9. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein said second key is symmetric and can be derived from the application (202). However, Matyas discloses generating a new key for re-encrypting protected software derived from the software (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46: new key is generated from S and K and S is provided along with application). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to generate a new key based on information provided in the

application because the derived information can be used as a seed in generating new key. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Matyas within the system of Cassagnol because it prevents malicious from using the first key by generating a new key based on additional information.

29. As per claim 20, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method according to claim 19. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said second key is comprised in the application (202) itself (Matyas: column 10 lines 26-46).

30. Claims 7, 14, 18, 21, and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cassagnol in view of Audebert and further in view of Takeuchi et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6647495 (hereinafter Takeuchi).

31. As per claim 7, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 1. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein multiple keys can be transferred successively on the secure channel into the secure environment, each key being used to decrypt a corresponding encrypted application in the secure environment. However, Takeuchi discloses transmitting decryption key when protected software is transmitted to the program execution program (Takeuchi: figure 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to process different software with different keys sequentially. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Takeuchi within the

system of Cassagnol because it is well known in the art to process multiple software within a single processor.

32. As per claim 14, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus of claim 8. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein multiple keys can be transferred successively on the secure channel into the secure environment, each key being used to decrypt a corresponding encrypted application in the secure environment. However, Takeuchi discloses transmitting decryption key when protected software is transmitted to the program execution program (Takeuchi: figure 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to process different software with different keys sequentially. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Takeuchi within the system of Cassagnol because it is well known in the art to process multiple software within a single processor.

33. As per claim 18, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 2. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein multiple keys can be transferred successively on the secure channel into the secure environment, each key being used to decrypt a corresponding encrypted application in the secure environment. However, Takeuchi discloses transmitting decryption key when protected software is transmitted to the program execution program (Takeuchi: figure 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to process different software with different keys sequentially. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Takeuchi within the

system of Cassagnol because it is well known in the art to process multiple software within a single processor.

34. As per claim 21, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 9. Cassagnol does not explicitly disclose wherein multiple keys can be transferred successively on the secure channel into the secure environment, each key being used to decrypt a corresponding encrypted application in the secure environment. However, Takeuchi discloses transmitting decryption key when protected software is transmitted to the program execution program (Takeuchi: figure 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to process different software with different keys sequentially. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Takeuchi within the system of Cassagnol because it is well known in the art to process multiple software within a single processor.

35. As per claim 29, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 7. Cassagnol as modified further disclose wherein said processor is further configured to:

encrypting, in said secure environment, each of said multiple keys by means of the second key (Cassagnol: [0058] and [0061]-[0062]; the encrypted master key/encrypted first key can be decrypted using device key/second key); and

storing, outside said secure environment, each of the multiple keys encrypted by the second key (Cassagnol: [0058]; the whitening keys are stored outside of the secure environment).

36. As per claim 30, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 29. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said installation part is for receiving another encrypted application in the terminal (Cassagnol: [0043]: handling the encrypted software within the secure environment); loading the encrypted first key from outside said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0058]: the key is imported externally for decryption); decrypting the encrypted first key with the second key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the master key is decrypted using device key); and decrypting the other encrypted application with the decrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the software master key is used to decrypt the application).

37. As per claim 31, Cassagnol as modified discloses the apparatus of claim 14. Cassagnol as modified further disclose wherein said processor is further configured to:

encrypting, in said secure environment, each of said multiple keys by means of the second key (Cassagnol: [0058] and [0061]-[0062]: the encrypted master key/encrypted first key can be decrypted using device key/second key); and

storing, outside said secure environment, each of the multiple keys encrypted by the second key (Cassagnol: [0058]: the whitening keys are stored outside of the secure environment).

38. As per claim 32, Cassagnol as modified discloses the method of claim 29. Cassagnol as modified further discloses wherein said installation part is for receiving another encrypted application in the terminal (Cassagnol: [0043]: handling the encrypted software within the secure environment); loading the encrypted first key from outside said secure environment (Cassagnol: [0058]: the key is imported externally for decryption); decrypting the encrypted first key with the

second key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the master key is decrypted using device key); and decrypting the other encrypted application with the decrypted first key (Cassagnol: [0061]: the software master key is used to decrypt the application).

Response to Arguments

39. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHIN-HON CHEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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